Declaration of Disaster Emergency

Community of Aniak

WHEREAS, Commencing on May 12, 2002, the Community of Aniak sustained losses and threats to property resulting from a flood event; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Aniak is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist as a result of the disaster emergency: That the Community of Aniak, situated along the Kuskokwim River, did experience severe flooding as a result of an ice jam along the Kuskokwim River. This flooding caused major damage to approximately 10 miles of community roads, while affecting all community roads. The property of approximately 45 households and 5 businesses was damaged or affected by inundation. The community sewer system was inundated during the flood and will require extensive cleaning and possibly major repairs. The dike protecting Aniak was damaged in approximately 11 areas where its integrity is now compromised and in need of repair.

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources; and,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Aniak does declare a state of Disaster Emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in the Community of Aniak.

FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the Governor declare a Disaster Emergency to exist as described in AS 26.23 and provide State assistance to the City of Aniak in its response and recovery from this event.

FURTHERMORE, the undersigned certify that the City of Aniak has expended resources as a result of this disaster for which no State or Federal reimbursement will be requested, and that these resources constitute the in-kind contribution of 1,400 personnel hours of the Aniak Fire Department.

SIGNED this 21st day of May, 2002.

Mayor, City of Aniak